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#### WILSON DIPLOMACY

Since the arrival of President Wilson and the peace delegates in Paris a great deal has been written about the weil of secrecy which hides the activities and the aims of the American representatives.

With the customary enterprise of American newspaper men, the press representatives from this country have attempted from every angle to get a line on the official program. We have no doubt that the representatives of other countries are quite as anxious as the press representatives to know what cards the president holds. The information would solve the problem of the best cards for them to lead with.

Some of the newspapers of this country have manifested a petulant spirit over the inability to learn what the cut-and-dried program of the president is and how he expects to go about have ing it adopted.

There is no doubt that such revelation would be highly illuminating, even if it would serve no valuable purpose here. It is regrettable that the freest publicity cannot be given to the plans of all nations. But it would be obvious folly for the president to relate fully and frankly and in great detail what he pur poses to do while the representatives of other nations are adopting a sphynxlike attitude, with their cards cleverly concealed.

No especial franknes is required in admitting that the proc ess is un-American. It is not the custom employed in the transaction of the public's business in the United States. It would be a crude diplomacy indeed for the president to introduce the American method of "pitiless publicity" in all of his transactions and be rewarded for this trouble by coming face to face with old world diplomacy, with its shrewdness and secre-

face with old world diplomacy, with its shrewdness and secretiveness.

It would be rank folly and the worst of judgment for the president to announce how much he would like to have the conference observe the American, system and how much he conference observe the American, system and how much he conference observe the American, system and how much he conference observe the American, system and how much he conference observe the American, system and how much he conference observe the American, system and how much he conference observe the American, system and how much he conference observe the American, system and how much he conference observe the American and the state of this country to do its to recognize that he is dealing with a new and strange situation. He cannot make it conform to his ideas, and while he may not approve on the his believe the many that he may not approve on the his believe the many that he may not approve on the his believe the service of the surface of the

be ignored and so many virtues that must be ferreted out if they are found, that many persons take the easy route.

The Y. M. C. A. is a great organization and it har done a great work in the war. Except for the war it might not have earned distinction. But, like other organizations and individuals, it found its mission in the war. Its representatives performed a great service.

Several unfortunate mistakes occurred that might not have been considered except for the prewar prejudice against the organization. It was charged that it did not been in touch with

ganization. It was charged that it did not keep in touch with the wounded. Those who made the criticism perhaps did not know that in order to prevent duplication an agreement was reached between the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross whereby the Red Cross should confine its attention to the wounded

and the ill and the Y. M. C. A. to the well. It has been charged that the Y. M. C. A. profited by the operation of its overseas canteens. The charge is altogether false. In the outset the Y M C. A. was compelled to pay transportation and marine insurance, which made its prices in excess of the quartermaster's prices. The obstacle was removed by the war department and the prices were restored to a basis of actual cost. In the event there had been a profit it would have gone to the men. Instead of making money from the canteens, the monthly excess of cost over selling price amounted

to about \$150,000. Some mistakes have been made by the Y. M. C. A. but it is not beyond any organization, operating under conditions never before experienced, to be confused and fall into error when confronted with a situation unexpected and which could not be anticipated. What is said here in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. is not for the purpose of minimizing the great work accomplished by other organizations, but the Y. M. C. A. is designated be-

cause it has been more frequently criticized.

"Peace Conference May Hear Bolshevists,"- Licadline. Which reminds us to paraphrase the jungle, "I'd rather hear than see one and I'd rather see than be one

"American Girl May Be Portuguese Queen,"-Headline. The American girl has a way of being queen wherever she goes

With so many American newspaper men on the ground, the allies did well to abandon all efforts to hold secret sessions.

The tanks helped win the war, and now we are to give them national prohibition.

# Wonder What a Theater Box Office Man Thinks About—By Briggs

HOW I DESPISE EVERY THING ! HAVE CULTIVATED THAT FRAME OF MIND UNTIL I AM AN EXPERT BOX-OFFICE MAN"



" HORRORS! HERE

COMES ANOTHER.

WHY DO PEOPLE

BE FORBIDDEN TO

ENTER'

PERSIST IN COMING

HERE - THEY SHOULD

" HERE COMES A LOW PERSON TO BUY TICHETS -I TRUST I MAY BE ABLE TO SUFFICIENTLY IMPRESS HIM WITH MY IMPORTANCE



" TWO IN THE

VERY WELL."

FAWTEENTH ROW.

THAT'S ALL-

I SAID THAT'S ALL

HE SHOULD FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO GET ANYTHING IN MY THEATER -I'LL PERMIT HIM TO HAVE TWO WRETCHED SEATS IN THE LAST ROW



" HE HAS GONE . I WAS DETERMINED HE SHOULD NOT HAVE ONE OF THE SEATS I AM SAVING FOR MY

PERSONAL FOLLOWING



" NOW I SHALL ABSENT MYSELF FOR A TIME AND LET THESE HORRID PEOPLE WAIT UNTIL CHOOSE TO SPEAK WITH THEM

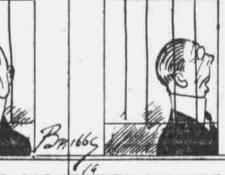
THANK HEAVEN

SPEAK TO 50

HE HAS DEPARTED.

I HATED TO EVEN

COMMON A PERSON"



# DOROTHY DIX'S TALK

BY DOROTHY DIX, The World's Highest Paid Woman Writer.

DON'T BE A MENTAL PARASITE.

States is entitled to claim and the consideration the smallest nations are entitled to receive.

It is not likely that the president will have his way with the conference. The judgment will be the composite opinion of the nations represented. It would be worse than folly for the president to attempt to satisfy the curiosity and silence the criticis of this country at the expense of his influence with the conference.

His mission is to serve humanity, and his achievement will live in history long after his loudest critic is silenced.

DID GOOD WORK

Some of the war organizations, particularly the Y. M. C. A., recently have come in for criticism that the facts do not warrant.

Criticism may come from a condition of affairs as they exist or from the condition of the liver of the one who makes the criticism.

The temptation is always strong to fall into the habit of criticism. There are so many faults in the world that cannot be ignored and so many virtues that must be ferreted out if

## HIS PLIGHT.

"How is Robert getting on at college" asked the minister, who was being entertained at dinner. "Splendidly," said the proud father, who then went in to tell of his son's various social, athletic and scholastic successes, and the minister said it was a fine thing to be college bred. That evening little James, who had been an interested listener, said: "Papa, what did Mr. Brown mean by college bred." bred."

'th, that." said papa, who had beer leaking over his son's bills, "is a four-year loaf."

## HABIT.

"Why did you fire the new actor?"
the director was asked.
"He was on the stage so long that every time he walked into a set he bowed
to the camera.



When the sun bathes not the gray immortal hills, When the ocean waves no longer race each other o'er the strand,

When the looms at last are silent in the mills, When the gentle moon no longer sheds its soft and fflmy rays, When the church bells in the valley cease to ring, When the calendar no longer marks the passing of the days, When the purple lilacs bloom no more in spring.

When the universe has passed into a paralytic state

It is then the ult consumer will be thrilled. Upon that famous day

Living has come down

But nobody could which is labeled, "War Quality, Made in Sweden.

There are a number of ways to be happy in this world without trying to tell Woodrow how to run his affairs.

required by the authorities, which leads B. P. L. to venture that John

(Ill.) Dispatch, as follows: "It is a coincidence that both the bride and the groom are the heads of families, each having three children, so they

MAYBE HE LOOKS LIKE A TAMBOURINE.

People in this vicinity are warned against giving money to a strang er who is disguised as the Salvation Army .- Lane (W. Va.), Recorder Somebody's attempt to get dried milk to the "starving babies in

rmany" reminds me of the following dialogue: "Hullo, John. How is your dog? 'My name ain't John, and I ain't got no dog."

Villa's end is in sight at last. He is going to start a newspaper.

is going to take in peace negotiations. Is not the real House in France

If Peru and Chile try to start a new war we move they be locked up on a tentative charge of disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace. Woodrow seems to be getting his place in The Sun right along.

SOME DAY.

When the mountain streams no longer feed the parched and thirsty land,

When the bob-o-link no longer sings his song unto his mate, When the pleasant voice of nature has been stilled,

Throughout the town. We'll hear that cost of

Beats all how many old-fashioned folk there are about. A Jersey man was run over by a bicycle the other day.

John McCormack refused to sing in Denver through a flu screen, as

was afraid of straining his voice.- Kansas City Star. What might be described as a flying start is recorded by the Mendon

have a nice family to begin with."

There never were no "starving babies in Germany," either! JANE VIVIAN.

There seems to be a deal of bother about what part the congress



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JANUARY 27, 1884.

A charter for the New Lycsum the-ater has been filed by C. F. DeGaris, A. Vaccaro, E. E. Billingsley and S. D. Kyle. The incorporators intend to erect a theater and office building on the southeast corner of Second street and Court avenue.

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In the case of Dr. Batte against the Citizens Street Railway company a jury this morning awarded the plaintiff damages to the amount of \$20,000 one-thaif of the amount for which the plaintiff sued.

Dr. Matt TePass stated today that there was absolutely no reason for Memphians becoming frightened over the reported epidemic of smallpox, as there are only a few cases in the city. Owing to the panic and other causes, the Tri-State Fair association's assets will likely be sold, according to the panic and other causes, the tri-State Fair association's assets will likely be sold, according to the panic and other causes, the tri-State Fair association's assets will likely be sold, according to the panic and other causes, the tri-State Fair association's assets will likely be sold, according to the panic of the state commission which is waging a state-wide fight against tuberculosis.

T. H. Tutwiler, president of the Mem-phis Street Railway company, and a large number of business men today, made a trip to New South Memphis, where it is planned to erect a large cot-ton mill.

# Coblenz on the Rhine

(By Lieut, Grantland Rice, Third Army, A. E. F.)

A soldier of America lay starving in Coblenz; His government had made him live four months on 30 cents; A comrade stood beside him while his last franc ebbed away, And bent with pitying glances to hear what he might say,

Tell my brothers and companions when they crowd around to get An earful on this bloody war that left us all in debt, We didn't mind the fighting job, but, slogging through the rain, Full many a bloke was starved to death along the Rhenish plain.

"And dropping out the Mayen road were strong men, wan and pale, The last franc in their dirty grip along the Bitburg trail; And as I faltered forward I heard them curse and whine: 'For I went broke at Coblenz-at Coblenz on the Rhine.'

"Tell my sister not to weep for me, nor sob with drooping head. When the troops come marching home again with glad and gallant trees But to look upon them proudly with a glance that seems to say: 'My brother was a soldier, too, who never got his pay,'

"Just say I got no D. S. C. for showing lack of fear; Tell her I never lost an arm, or ankle, or an eaf; But on the old Third army staff I faced a rougher line, For I went broke at Coblenz-at Coblenz on the Rhine.

"We met no German bullets as we hiked on through the mist, Nor yet a quartermaster with a shekel in his fist; And as we damned him daily, we heard the low winds pine; 'He never heard of Coblenz-of Coblenz on the Rhine.'

Tell her the last night of my life-(for ere this moon is risen My body will be out of pain—my soul be out of prison I dreamed I stood with her again in lands beyond all grief, Where I had something else to eat besides the bully beef.

Tell her I yearn to see again the trenches far away, Where we still had a yen or two, and sometimes drew our pay; For though I have no love for war like any other lout, I'd rather meet a German shell than German sauerkraut."

The starving soldier faltered in the old Third army zone, His eyes put on a dying look—he had not strength to groan: His comrades bent to lift him, as he murmured softly: "Tell That quartermaster when he comes I'll meet him down in hell.

Just a Moment DAILY STRENGTH AND CHEER. Compiled by John G. Quinius, the Sunshine Man.

Faith and ridicule—Matthew ix, 18-26. And so one man's faith is more than a match for many people's scorn. The steady trust of the ruler was not shaken by the rude flippancy of the artificial mourners, and his daughter was brought from the dead. "This is the victory that overcometh even our faith." Everything bows, like fragile reeds, before the march of a victorjous faith. Scorn, and hatred, and all manner of deviltry, and death itself, all lose their power in the presence of a belief which remains steady and steadfast. "Said I not unto thee that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?"

And what an infinite reservoir of

God?"

And what an infinite reservoir of power is waiting to be tapped by the hand of faith! A ruler believes and his hand of faith! A ruler believes and his daughter is vitalized. A poor woman, hent and broken, reaches out her thin, frail hand, and lo! she is erect and graceful as the pine. And "my sufficiency is of God!" All that I may need is in the same wonderful reservoir of grace. That healing flood is like the ocean fullness, and it will fill every bay, and cove, and creek in the wide-stretching shore of human need. "The healing of His seamless Gress Is by our beds of pain, We touch Him in life's throng and press, and we are whole again."

Dayton, Ohio.

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AFTER WAR PROBLEMS.

AFTER-WAR PROBLEMS.

The demands of this war have raised everything to an unusual height. The decline will be great in proportion. The governments have been the principal consuming forces in the world, and in causing to be buyers they should do so with great regard to the general interests of their respective peoples.

Confusion and uncertainty must characterize the transition period in which business will again seek normal channels and natural markets. Fortunate will we be if our government settlements are speedy—so much of our business is with the government—thus enabling husiness, both small and large, to seek immediately new fields and new consumers for their output.

Commerce in American bottoms can never compete with other nations until our labor and navigation laws are revised in the interest of making the contest equal.

In the light of this war's experience, there should be a revision of our tariff laws, our economic laws, especially with reference to credit, currency and banking, and our laws with reference to tradit, the great problems involved in advancing civilization, involving man's material waits and human rights, call for re-examination and readjustment. Not only will business be in a state of flux, seeking again to find itself, but the ego, the home, in their interrelations and their relations to economic and material activities, call for readjustment. This will require the highest statesmanship on the part of

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